

APRIL 9, 2020  
PENN LAKE PARK BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

The Penn Lake Park Borough April Council meeting was held via the conferencing app, Gotomeeting. Council President Paul Rogan called the meeting to order at 7:14 and stated that the meeting is being recorded.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Debra Krysicki, Council President Paul Rogan, Council members Shaun Kuter, Jill Rosenstock, David Longmore, and John Burden responded.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the March Regular Council Meeting and the Special March Council Meeting were distributed to council via email. The copies will be recorded as the official minutes. A **Motion** to accept both the March Council minutes and the Special March

Council minutes was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Longmore.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Treasurer's Report was presented. A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**RECEIPTS/BILLS:**

A **Motion** was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to pay the bills of \$18,658.61 and to accept the receipts of \$72,908.05.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS OR COMPLAINTS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- DEP Division of Dam Safety has declared Penn Lake Park Borough's Dam Unsafe for several reasons: the spillway is undersized and does not meet current regulations, and there is concern with the amount of uncontrolled seepage flow especially seepage in the vicinity of the outlet conduit. DEP clarified that the Unsafe designation does not suggest that the dam is at risk for imminent failure; but is severely deficient in meeting the requirements of dam safety. DEP requests the Borough provide an updated schedule for addressing these deficiencies by June 1, 2020. The schedule will be used to develop a Consent Order and Agreement to ensure timely completion of tasks to rectify the deficiencies. DEP may require the reservoir created by the dam to be partially or completely drained until the deficiencies are corrected. DEP recommends the borough

monitor and document seepage conditions especially at the drawdown conduit more frequently than the quarterly inspections.

- The DiPipi family requested use of the ballfield for an outdoor wedding reception in September for approximately 200 guests. Initial planning includes a 40' X 80' tent, generator, self-contained trailer restroom, and portable lights. The DiPipi's would meet any requirements set by the borough. A **Motion** was made by Rogan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rosenstock to allow the DiPipi's use of the ballfield for the September event on the condition they obtain event insurance.

Roll Call: Rogan, Longmore, Rosenstock, Kuter, and Burden all in favor, none opposed.

Motion carried.

- Atlantic Broadband is discontinuing front counter service at their White Haven office as of March 18, 2020. Atlantic Broadband has provided multiple options for bill paying to their customers.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MAYOR – Debra Krysicki**– Reported that residents continue to have concerns over speeding on Hollenback Road and Lakeview Drive. Krysicki asked if Council would reduce the speed limit on Hollenback. Attorney Dean cautioned that reducing the speed limit below 25mph would result in the loss of liquid fuels money. Longmore will research the issue and feels a reduction of the speed limit is warranted if possible. The Mayor also expressed concerns over the pile of debris and signage in front of the Evans's property and questioned whether Evans received permission to erect the sign in what may be the borough's property. Rogan had previously addressed these issues with Evans and will determine if the signage is on private or borough property. Rogan will contact Evans in regard to the matter.

**POLICE** – Mayor Krysicki reported the borough received 68 hours and 46 minutes of service for the first quarter; however, the format of the police report had changed and provided only patrol minutes, incident minutes, and number of incidents. Attorney Dean stated that both the number and types of incidents are required in the report.

**SOLICITOR – Jack Dean** – Will address DEP Dam Response.

**ZONING** – Two permits were issued along with variances for the Cooney and DiBenedeto properties.

**ENGINEERING – Rogan** – Will be addressed under New Business.

**DAM- Rogan** – Will be addressed under New Business.

**RECREATION– Kuter** – Nothing to Report.

**LAKE MANAGEMENT - Rosenstock** – Nothing to Report.

**GOOSE ABATEMENT – Kuter** - The numbers are down but resident geese remain.

**RTK/RECORDS –Burden** – Nothing to Report.

**ROADS –Longmore** – Pothole marking has been affected by social distancing but will be completed before the May Council Meeting.

**SEWER –Rogan** – The borough recovered over \$4,000.00 to free up liens on a few properties. AQUA asked that no penalties be applied during the Covid 19 pandemic.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

*Spraying* – Searching for a new vendor

*DCNR Grant* – Covid 19 has affected progress. The borough is waiting for engineers to obtain approval to begin. Deadlines are being extended.

*ADA Grant* – Same status as DCNR Grant.

*Lawn Care* - Was advertised shortly after March Council Meeting.

*Gaming Grant 2020* – Nothing to Report.

*Trash Bills on Taxes* – Mailing of Post Cards to inform residents the annual Garbage fee was included in the Property Tax Bill was delayed due to the Covid 19 Emergency and other priorities. An error on one property's tax bill was corrected by the County.

*Electronic Recycling Event* – Vendors are shut down and events have been postponed due to the Covid 19 crisis, however Saturday August 15 is scheduled for Penn Lake Park

Borough. Vendors will take measures to adhere to the August 15<sup>th</sup> event. Fifty percent of the cost will be reimbursed by the county. The event for borough residents is scheduled to take place at the ballfield, and ID's will be checked. Items such as computers, laptops, and phones will be free; there will be a charge to individual residents for other items.

Longmore will work with Seth Isenberg to compose a mailer flyer to property owners.

*Recycling Education Initiative* – Luzerne County will reimburse advertising costs up to \$2,500.00 to educate residents on proper recycling protocols. Longmore is working with Seth Isenberg for advertisements in the newspaper and mailings to residents. This matter will be on the agenda for the May Council Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Recycling* – Addressed in Unfinished Business.

*Covid 19* – Meetings with Chris Zwiebel continue between Penn Lake Park Borough, White Haven, Dennison Township, Ambulances, and Fire Departments. There have been no reports of Covid 19 cases in the three areas although one was reported at the White Haven Center.

*Dam* – The Borough received the most serious letter to date and was shared with Bob Mosier, Joe Van Name, Attorney Dean, and Nick Argot. The Borough expected to address the issues mentioned in 2025, but must respond to DEP's concerns by June 2020.

Attorney Dean is in the process of meeting with DEP, Nick Argot, and Rogan.

Preliminary cost estimate of total replacement is approximately \$5,000,000.00. Partial remedies being considered could amount to approximately \$2,500,000.00. The Borough is unsure of what repairs are expected by DEP. Attorney Dean spoke with DEP and will touch base in two weeks to set up a meeting. DEP needs only a response for the present.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT- None**

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Kuter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rogan.

Roll Call all in favor, all ayes, none opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

**The next meeting will be held on May 14, at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burden, Secretary